

John Gibson Lost To Wakefield Five Until February With Sprained Ankle

Wakefield's second season in high school basketball is going to be a difficult one. The Warriors have lost co-captain John Gibson for the next six weeks.

Coach Robbie Robinson said this morning that he will struggle along with a squad of nine as he pre-

pared to send the Warriors against the George Mason varsity.

Gibson follows Al Lederle to the sidelines. Al underwent a knee operation that undoubtedly will put him out for the season. The Wakefield co-captain suffered a severe ankle sprain Friday night when he came down on a foot after a

jump. The ankle was badly damaged, enough so to require a cast which was applied Saturday.

Robinson has no plans to call up more Wakefield performers. He believes the current squad of nine is the best available this year and he intends to play the remaining athletes as the occasion demands.

Robbie will be firing a new starting lineup against Warrior rivals almost every night.

Wakefield showed impressively in its opening games, winning three in a row. The marksmanship of Don Richards who scored 18 points against Annandale Friday was one of the bright spots in the

gloomy Warrior picture that was much brighter a month ago.

Wakefield tackles a stern schedule of varsity competition among Group Two teams and the junior varsity of Washington-Lee and George Washington. The limited enrollment of the county's new senior high school put Robinson at a disadvantage in manpower.

Wakefield's misfortune in losing Gibson and Lederle may be a blessing in disguise with the nine remaining athletes to see more service than they might otherwise. This experience will send Wakefield into its first full year of varsity competition among the top schools next season with a powerful club.